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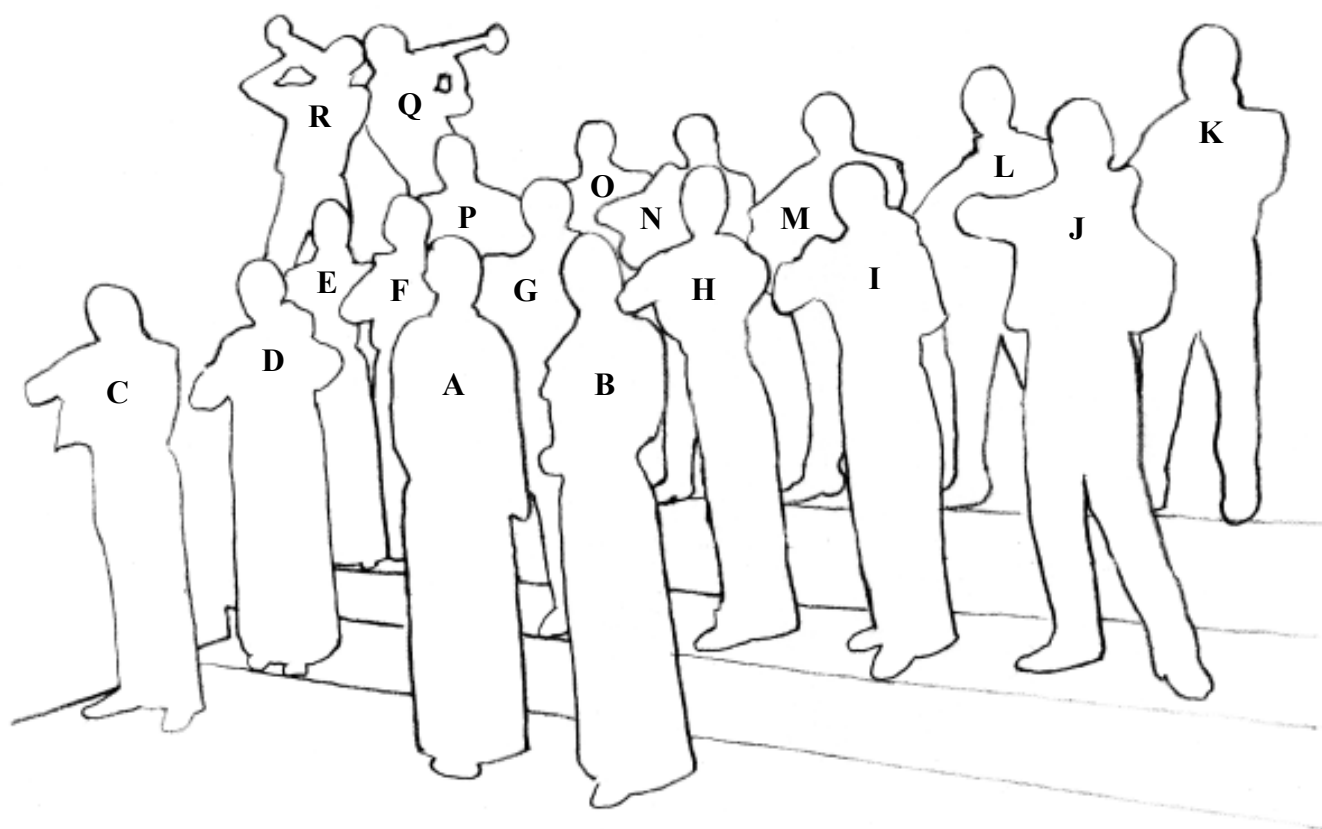
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On the Cover:

The festive sounds of guitars, violins, trumpets, and vihuelas have defined our people for generations. Mariachi music has become so important in Texas. It gives the Hispanic people between San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley a sense of pride because *Tejanos* were left behind when Mexico became Texas. Hispanics can identify with a culture that fathered them, which now takes their Mexican music throughout the world. Hispanic culture has been accepted legitimately by the educational arena because mariachi music is now available as part of the educational system.

In 1998, the Roma High School Mariachi competed at the national level and won the Grand Championship in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This national award is important because it gives the students and community a sense of pride, and reflects the enormous amount of musical talent in Texas' high schools. — *Vilma Maldonado*

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